

# NEWS RELEASE

## Wasatch-Cache National Forest

### Federal Building

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#### FARMINGTON FIRE UPDATE

The Farmington Fire remains at 1,935 acres and is 97% contained. Continued smoke and occasional torching may be observed within the fire perimeter for the next few weeks. At this time there is no expected full containment or control dates.

The Farmington Canyon Road is now open from its intersection with the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the Francis Peak Road and Skyline Drive Road. The Bountiful Peak Summer Home Area is now accessible from Farmington Canyon and from Ward Canyon. Both Sunset and Bountiful Peak Campgrounds will be open for use on July 24, 2003.

The following National Forest Area will remain closed:

**Starting at the Wasatch-Cache Forest Boundary at Shepard Canyon, east to the Francis Peak Road, then South along the Francis Peak Road and Skyline Drive Road to the top of Steed Canyon, then west down Steed Canyon to the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Boundary to Shepard Canyon.**

Forest visitors are reminded that a fire restriction is in effect on all National Forest Lands as described below:

**Dixie National Forest:** All Ranger Districts

**Fishlake National Forest:** All Ranger Districts

**Manti-LaSal National Forest:** All Ranger Districts

**Uinta National Forest:** All Ranger Districts

**Wasatch-Cache National Forest:** All Ranger Districts, except areas within the High Uinta Wilderness

The restriction prohibits setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using fire of any kind, including charcoal fires, unless an exemption provided.

No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil.

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Remember fireworks are never allowed on public lands.

Off-Highway vehicles (OHV's) are only to be ridden on designated roads and trails on National Forest System lands. Several fires have been started by OHV's within the last few days by irresponsible riders. Please ride responsibly and do not cut through meadows, create new trails or cut switch backs. **PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE.**

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